



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	133H	General Placement Provisions	2/23/2005
Subchapter:	3	Review Of Children In Out-Of-Home Placement Or Care Provided By A Relative	
Section	3	<b>Purpose of a placement review (N.J.A.C. 10:133H-3.3)</b>	

### §10:133H-3.3 Purpose of a placement review

(a) The purpose of a placement review shall be to determine:

1. The safety of the child;
2. Whether the out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative should continue, consistent with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 10:133H-3.4;
3. If reasonable efforts to reunify are not required when a court has made a determination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-11.3;
4. The extent of compliance with the case plan and the extent of progress made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes which necessitate placement;
5. Whether the placement plan required by N.J.S.A. 30:4C-55 is appropriate or should be revised, including specifically:
  - i. Whether the case goal is still appropriate or should be modified;
  - ii. Whether the intermediate objectives relating to the case goal are appropriate or should be modified;
  - iii. Whether the statement of the duties and responsibilities of the Division, the parent, the out-of-home placement provider or relative providing care for the child, and the child, if age appropriate, including the services to be provided by the Division to the child, the parent, and the out-of-home placement provider or relative providing care for the child, should be modified;
  - iv. Whether the Division has made reasonable efforts to return the child home, including the provision of visitation in accordance with the applicable law unless (a)3 above applies;

v. Whether the Division has made reasonable efforts to locate family members who may be willing and able to care for the child; and

vi. Whether the continued out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative of the child is appropriate and in the best interest of the child;

6. A likely date by which the child can safely be returned home or, if the child cannot be returned home, placed for adoption or legal guardianship or in another permanent living arrangement; and

7. Whether to prepare for a permanency hearing, pursuant to 42 U.S.C.